Elkins coach riding high after Texas repeat

MISSOURI CITY, TX—Nearly a week had past since the Texas 5A championship game, but Elkins Coach Rick Carpenter was in his words "still high" about his team's win.

"That championship game is the favorite game of my career," he said. "As a coach, you love those nail biters and that's what it was.

"You're playing for the ultimate prize. It was quite a rush."

Carpenter certainly had reason to continue his excitement of Elkins defeating a favored Round Rock team.

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Few gave Elkins much of a chance to win a second consecutive championship. The fact that Carpenter's crew had made it to the Final Four was a surprise.

And, in the championship game, Elkins was going against Round Rock ace John Danks, the first round selection of the Texas Rangers in the amateur draft earlier in the week.

Such a setting wasn't new to Elkins. The Knights had beaten some of the best pitchers in Texas, the land of many flamethrowers and future big leaguers. Among them were Clements' Cory Van Allen and Brazoswood's Brad Lincoln, to name only two.

There were no big names on Elkins' roster like last year's James Lo-

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BEHIND THE SEAMS

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—Coach Stan McKeever called his La Cueva team's 29-0 season and the school's first New Mexico 5A championship "a magical year".

"It really was amazing," he said, and there was overwhelming evidence to support his glossy words.

La Cueva outscored opponents 374-94. That's an average score of 13-3, *which ironically was close* to the 13-4 score of the Bears' crushing of Las Cruces in the championship finals.

School and state offensive records were established often by the Bears' high-powered offense.

La Cueva, with every starter hitting no less than two home runs, blasted a state and school record 79 homers. Matt Quillen 17 home runs also were school and state records.

James Parr had 14 home runs and a school record 61 RBI.

Here's how the other regulars finished in the Bears' home run merry-go-round: Ramon Romero (13), Andrew Salas (11), Billy Hogan (9), Jordan Pacheco (6), Zach Arnett (5), and Tavo Hall and Matt Hunnicutt (2).

Quillen had 50 RBI, while Arnett finished with 46, Salas and Pacheco had 35 and Romero 34.

And, what kind of batting averages did the Bears have, you ask?

Parr led the way with a .572 average as La Cueva finished with a .418 team average. Pacheco (.492), Hall (.456), Arnett (.449), Hogan (.444), Quillen (.435), Romero (.430), Salas (.390) and Hunnicutt (.375) completed the onslaught.

Okay, how about pitching?

Parr once again led the way with an 8-0 record and a 1.94 ERA. He was

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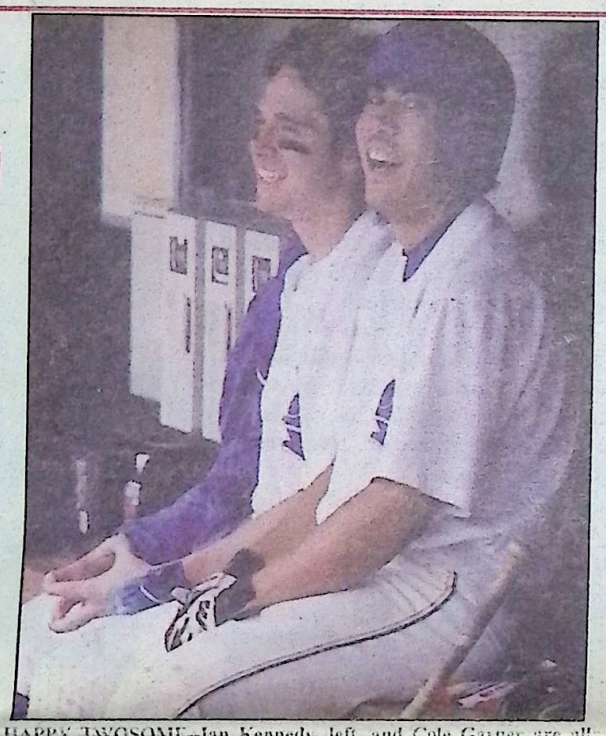

HAPPY TWOSOME--Ian Kennedy, left, and Cole Garner are all smiles after leading La Quinta to the CIF Southern Section Division IV championship at Edison Field. *(BCA photo by Craig Miles)*

Kennedy, Garner lead La Quinta (CA) to title

ANAHEIM, CA—It was mid-season and La Quinta Coach Dave Demarest was saying how he regretted ace pitcher Ian Kennedy was missing so much of his final season because of his fractured kneecap.

"You only have one senior year and it should be a great time," said Demarest. "I feel badly for Ian. It's my hope something good happens for him...like being on the mound in the CIF championship game."

The veteran coach's wish came true.

Kennedy ended his great career by pitching La Quinta (30-2) to the CIF Southern Section Division IV championship with a three-hit, nine strikeout 2-1 victory over Pacifica (27-4) here at Edison Field.

"As usual, he was outstanding and so deserving of the opportunity to pitch in the championship game," Demarest said. *(See Spotlighted Player on page 2).*

Cole Garner's two-run double gave La Quinta a 2-0 lead in the fifth as the Aztecs defeated Pacifica for the third time this season.

Pacifica's only run came in the sixth when Travis Bernard tripled and scored on Kennedy's throwing error.

La Quinta out-hit Pacifica 9-3, but left 10 runners stranded. Blake Crosby, Aaron Randall and Adam Jorgenson each had three hits for the Aztecs.

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Chatsworth captures City championship

LOS ANGELES, CA—Behind the shutout pitching of Justin Cassel, Chatsworth (33-1) won its third CIF City Section championship by downing Carson (24-10) 3-0 in the finals at Dodger Stadium.

Cassel, who lost a no-hitter on Jon Sims' seventh inning single, finished with a one hit, nine-strikeout performance and closed his career with a 15-0 record.

"This is the dream season, 33-1 and my personal record of 15-0. That's how you want to finish it," he said.

Cassel was at his best in the playoffs, although he had to share some of the championship finals' heroics with Bryan Petersen.

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Chatsworth (CA) finishes No. 1 in Top 25

BELLA VISTA, AR—Chatsworth became the first team ever to claim the No. 1 position in the BCA-*Baseball America* Top 25 in the final regular-season balloting.

Chatsworth took advantage of defending Top 25 champion Elkins' victory in the Texas 5A championship over previously top ranked Round Rock to claim the 2003 title.

Chatsworth, No. 2 in the last ranking, ended its season with a 33-1 record and the CIF Southern Section Los Angeles City championship.

Round Rock (36-4) fell to the sixth spot, while Elkins (31-8) leapfrogged from the unranked to No. 14.

Tennessee's Farragut (48-1) finished second, while California's La Quinta (30-2), Riverside (29-1) of South Carolina and La Costa Canyon (32-1) of California rounded out the first five.

The final rankings are expanded from 25 to 50 teams to give additional national recognition.

The only new teams in the first 10 were New Jersey's Seton Hall Prep (30-1) and North Carolina's Rose (26-2).

The big news was Chatsworth's becoming the first team from California to be named No. 1. The only loss for Coach Tom Meusborn's team came against Sabino (AZ) in a spring break tournament in Las Vegas.

As usual, the final rankings reflected several upsets in state championships with Elkins' stunning kayo of Round Rock leading the way.

Top 50 Baseball America Rankings

6/02	6/16	School, City (if different), State	Record	Points
2	1-	*Chatsworth, CA	33-1	299
3	2-	*Farragut, Knoxville, TN	48-1	-288
5	3-	*La Quinta, Westminster, CA	30-2	269
4	4-	*Riverside, Greer, SC	29-1	267
6	5-	*La Costa Canyon, Carlsbad, CA	32-1	255
1	6-	*Round Rock, TX	36-4	234
7	7-	*St. Paul's Episcopal, Mobile, AL	41-4	231
8	8-	*La Cueva, Albuquerque, NM	29-0	216
11	9-	*Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, NJ	30-1	202
12	10-	*J.H. Rose, Greenville, NC	26-2	178
13	11-	*New Hope, Columbus, MS	34-4	174
14	12-	*Owasso, OK	36-4	166
15	13-	*Chaparral, Scottsdale, AZ	32-3	159
NR	14-	*Elkins, Sugar Land, TX	31-8	146
10	15-	*A&M Consolidated, College Station, TX	30-3	134
18	16-	*Florida Christian, Miami, FL	31-1	121
16	17-	*Taylorsville, Salt Lake City, UT	25-3	118
22	18-	*Lakewood Ranch, Bradenton, FL	28-6	101
23	19-	*Columbus, Miami, FL	26-7	98
NR	20-	*Tottenville, Staten Island, NY	35-2	95
9	21-	*Milford, OH	30-3	88
NR	22-	*Clay-Chalkville, Pinson, AL	36-5	78
NR	23-	*Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, CA	27-6	75
NR	24-	Brownsburg, IN	27-2	71
NR	25-	*East Ascension, Gonzales, LA	29-4	66
20	26-	*Liberty, MO	29-2	65
NR	27-	*Clovis, CA	23-7	62
NR	28-	*Apopka, FL	30-6	54
25	29-	*Westside, Omaha, NE	32-3	53
NR	30-	Paul Dunbar, Lexington, KY	36-3	51
NR	31-	*Horizon, Scottsdale, AZ	32-4	47
NR	32-	*Wolfson, Jacksonville, FL	28-3	41
NR	33-	*Oviedo, FL	27-3	40
NR	34-	*DeMatha, Hyattsville, MD	25-3	38
17	35-	*Flower Mound, Lewisville, TX	32-5	37
NR	36-	*John Curtis, New Orleans, LA	35-2	35
NR	37-	*Midway, Hewitt, TX	35-4	34
NR	38-	*Capistrano Valley, Mission Viejo, CA	25-4	32
NR	39-	*Buchanan, Clovis, CA	27-5	30
NR	40-	*Reno, NV	36-2	29
NR	41-	*Colquitt County, Moultrie, GA	30-9	28
NR	42-	*Fuquay-Varina, NC	24-3	26
NR	43-	*Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA	22-5	24
NR	44-	*Bishop Hendricken, Warwick, RI	27-2	23
19	45-	*Veterans Memorial, Peabody, MA	20-2	22
NR	46-	*Barbe, Lake Charles, LA	32-6	19
NR	47-	*Lyons Township, La Grange, IL	32-6	18
NR	48-	*South Kitsap, Port Orchard, WA	21-4	16
NR	49-	*Parkview, Lilburn, GA	24-4	14
NR	50-	*Marina, Huntington Beach, CA	24-7	11

*** Indicates season is completed.**

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Coaching son has special meaning Though it may present pressure

MISSOURI CITY, TX--The opportunity to coach your son is a special time for most coaches, though it can be difficult. Some coaches, in fact, do not want to have the pressure on themselves or their sons.

Every season there are many father-son coaching situations.

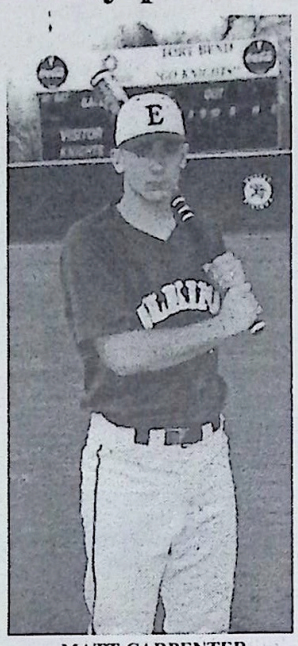
One is at Elkins (TX) High where Coach Rick Carpenter's son, Matt, is the starting third baseman. Actually, it's the second year for the Carpenters.

"Last year was real easy," said Rick, "because he was the DH and he played so well. It was fun and, of course, we had a great team."

Matt hit .455 with 17 doubles and a pair of home runs for the Texas 5A state champions and was named to the all-district team.

This season Matt starts at third and, like the Elkins team, got off to a slow start.

"Having him playing a position makes it harder," Rick said. "We've struggled as a team at times and that hasn't helped."



MATT CARPENTER

Matt puts a different slant on playing for his father.

"It's unique and it can be fun," he says, "but there's the good and the bad.

"The difficult part is he has to show he's not favoring me and I understand that. If I'm not doing something right he's hard on me, but he has to be.

"He doesn't want someone saying I'm playing because he's the coach's son. I have to be better and I know it."

Rick admits he probably keeps a "keener eye on Matt" than the other players.

"I have a great assistant coach who tones me down about it," he said.

There definitely is a fine line coaching a son.

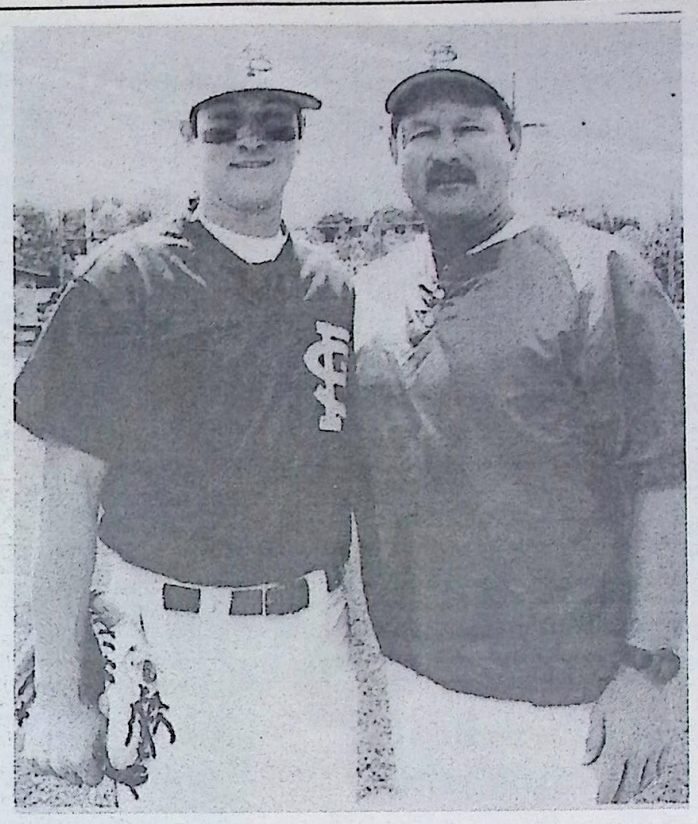
"You have to make sure you're not too hard on him, but at the same time not favoring him."

Matt says one of the advantages of having his dad as coach is the personal attention he gets away from the field.

"We can talk and work on problems I might be having as a hitter or fielding. That's one of the good sides, because he can't do that with other players in the off-season."

As Rick responded to questions about coaching his son, he acknowledged it's not always an easy task.

"But you know what? It's a great enjoyment," he said.



PROUD FATHER

Former Major Leaguer Carney Lansford enjoys coaching sons, Josh and Jared. He and son, Josh, take break at St. Francis game earlier this year.

Lansford lets sons make decisions: 'Playing must be fun and exciting'

SAN JOSE, CA—Carney Lansford has a simple formula for coaching his sons Josh and Jared.

"Basically, I leave it to the kids. It's their decision to do what they want. Whatever it is I will do all I can to help them achieve their goal."

The long-time major leaguer started in 1978 with the Angels, who were then the California Angels. He then moved to Boston where he won the American League batting championship in 1981 and finished with big seasons during the Oakland Athletics' heydays.

After retiring he managed but gave up managing the Triple A Edmonton team four years ago to watch his sons.

Lansford's wife, Debbie, had the full responsibility of handling their sons' development when Carney was away.

"She got to watch them all the time and would keep me informed," he said. "She's been great."

Lansford found it difficult to watch from the stands, so it was an easy decision to accept St. Francis Coach Chris Bradford's invitation to return to the field as a roving coach.

Josh ended his outstanding career at St. Francis this season. Jared joined his brother on the varsity after several impressive games with the Lansford-coached junior varsity.

"It's my goal to keep them focused . . . "
Carney Lansford

"To have them on the same team has been great," Carney said.

"I've always tried to work with them. To be successful it must be fun and exciting for them.

"I try to keep the kids motivated...to teach them what it takes to be successful."

Lansford isn't worried about his sons spending too much time with baseball.

"I think it's my role to keep them focused. They want to play and they work hard at it. They put so much work into it that you want them to be successful.

"Yes, I try not to be too hard on them. As I said, it must be fun."

Being the sons of a former major leaguer can mean extra pressure.

"It's been tough for Josh," Lansford said. "There were such high expectations for him this year. He handled it extremely well.

"We're very, very proud of both boys."

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Carney Lansford offers Views on today's game

SAN JOSE, CA—Carney Lansford was voted as the Oakland A's all-time third baseman.

During his 10 years with Oakland, he averaged .294 with a team that played hard on and off the field.

"We had veteran players and young guys," he said. "It was a great blend of talent.

"I was very blessed during my career. I came up with great players. They taught me to play the game right."

That meant playing all-out. It meant always running out ground balls and any routine fly ball.

"Too many guys don't play the game right now," he said. "Free agency is part of it. The money is so high."

Surprisingly, Lansford had praise for Oakland's long time rival for baseball supremacy, the New York Yankees.

"The Yankees make a lot of money, but they do things right," he said.

St. Xavier wins first Ohio Division I crown with upset

COLUMBUS, OH—St. Xavier (24-9) upset Milford (30-3) 4-3 to win the Ohio Division I title for the Bombers' first state baseball championship.

St. Xavier overtook the top-ranked Milford's 2-1 lead with three runs in the sixth then held on for the victory.

Aaron Prince's double got the Bombers going in the sixth. A walk to designated hitter J.T. Imming and Milford's only error loaded the bases.

Adam Kroth then walked on a 3-2 pitch to score Prince with the tying run. Nick Williams's sacrifice fly and Matt Hemberger's single produced the final two runs for a 4-2 lead.

Milford's last inning rally fell short as reliever Patrick O'Donnell got the final two outs on a fielder's choice and a game-ending fly ball.

"...You always want that state title," said St. Xavier's 24-year Coach Bill Slinger.

The St. Xavier players said they were ready for the challenge against the nationally ranked Milford.

"We came into the game thinking all the pressure was on them because of the rankings and the hype they were getting," said Kroth. "We came into the game very relaxed."

Division II finals

COLUMBUS, OH—Cincinnati's Purcell Marian (23-9) won its first state title in 50 years when the Cavaliers defeated Canton Central Catholic (32-2) 1-0 on a bases-loaded walk in the seventh inning of the Division II finals.

Losing pitcher Zach Winkhart (8-1) walked Dave Sheeran on a 3-1 pitch to end the game. Winkhart had allowed only a seventh inning double by Jake Suer, but five walks proved costly.

Winning pitcher Ryan Dugan hurled a two-hitter.

St. Henry wins III

COLUMBUS, OH—St. Henry (30-3) pushed across a run in the ninth inning for a 3-2 win over Columbus Academy (28-5) in the Division III championship final.

Newark Catholic wins

COLUMBUS, OH—George Biddle hurled a five-hitter as Newark Catholic (28-5) thumped Minster (20-8) 8-1 in the Division IV final.

Biddle allowed a first inning run on two hits then pitched six scoreless innings. He struck out seven and walked one.

Summer Baseball Top 10

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ship was fourth with Dubuque Hempstead moving into the Top 10 at No. 5.

Other new teams in the Top 10 were Wisconsin's Brookfield Central at No. 7 and West Des Moines Valley in the ninth spot.

Defending champion Marshalltown of Iowa has struggled in early season games with injuries playing a major part in the slow start.

The Illinois race, which figures to be extremely competitive with several teams having outstanding talent, had a late start because of the spring championships.

Cabell Midland champion in West Virginia 3A

CHARLESTON, WV—Cabell Midland (28-4) edged Fairmont Senior (22-10) 2-1 for the West Virginia 3A championship, the Knights first state title in school history.

Shortstop Tyler Courts, who had a costly throwing error in the top of the seventh that allowed Fairmont Senior to tie the game, came through with a game-winning hit off the wall to score Dax Adkins, who had opened the inning with a double.

After losing pitcher Josh Linn hit the next batter Joey Jude, Linn intentionally walked Tyler Christian to load the bases. Courts then scored Adkins with his hit.

"I was hoping I'd get a chance to redeem myself," said Courts.

In the semifinals, Cabell Midland got a combined shutout from Ryan Keaton and Clarence Nicely to beat Jefferson 2-0, while Fairmont Senior also advanced with a 4-0 shutout of Woodrow Wilson as Josh Willet pitched a two-hitter.

Cory Mohr and Ronnie Whiting had RBI hits in Fairmont Senior's semifinal win and Courts' RBI single in the fourth was all the Knights needed to slip past Jefferson.

Lincoln wins 2A

CHARLESTON, WV—Senior Levi Maxwell's four-hit, 11 strikeout pitching directed Lincoln (27-3) to a 7-5 win over Magnolia (18-11) in the 2A championship.

Two-run singles by Zak Bart in the third and Seth Williams in the fourth had given Maxwell (8-2) 6-2 lead.

Maxwell also proved to be an offensive power with two RBI and scored twice.

Wes Osbourn's 14 strikeouts had paced Lincoln's semifinal win over Herbert Hoover.

1A to Matewan

CHARLESTON, WV—Despite seven errors, Matewan (25-10) took the 1A championship with a 9-7 win against Greenbrier West (15-8). It was Matewan's first state baseball title.

Winning pitcher Todd Adkins pitched a complete game, allowing seven hits and striking out nine.

Losing pitcher Bryan Spitzer also went the distance. He allowed six hits, struck out 12 and gave up only one earned run as the Cavaliers committed five errors.

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Division IV

SAN DIEGO, CA—Christian (20-11) scored a 2-1 eight inning victory over defending champion Marian Catholic (26-8) for the Division IV title.

Brian Schroeder (11-3) got RBI singles by Brandon Abell and Sean Ryan as he set a section record career wins with his 34th victory.

Schroeder got a game-saving catch from outfielder Tim Martin in the sixth when Marian Catholic loaded the bases with two out.

"If he doesn't catch that, we lose. It's that simple," said Christian Coach Mike Mitchell.

Surprising Elkins Wins 5A again

AUSTIN, TX—Elkins (31-8), pulling off a string of surprise wins throughout the playoffs, saved its biggest shocker for the Texas 5A finals where the Knights stunned Round Rock (36-4) 5-4 for the state championship.

"They were shell-shocked..." said Elkins outfielder Spencer Jackson, who was named the Most Valuable Player in the Final Four.

The victory made it back-to-back 5A titles for Coach Rick Carpenter's team, a feat only accomplished by Abilene Cooper in 1987 and 1988.

Elkins defeated Round Rock ace John Danks (10-3) with Jackson going four-for-four, including a pair of doubles.

Michael Susaneck (10-1) went the distance, scattering nine hits against Round Rock's touted offense.

The Knights had gained the finals with a 13-3 drubbing of Flower Mound in the semifinals as Will Carpenter, Grant Taylor and Jackson each had two hits in a 12-hit attack. Kelly Shearer (12-3) tossed a three-hitter with seven strikeouts in the six-inning game.

Elkins jumped out to a 5-0 lead over Round Rock, *the No. 1 team in the BCA-Baseball America Top 25* prior to the Final Four. Chad Huffman's solo home run in the third finished off the early outburst.

Huffman and Matt Carpenter each had two RBI and Jackson had the other.

A pair of Elkins errors and bunt singles by Reed Woytek and Brian Sigmon resulted in two runs in the fourth when Round Rock cut the lead to 5-2.

Woytek's two-run double made it 5-4 in the fifth, but Huffman's relay throw to Matt Carpenter caught Woytek as he tried to stretch the hit into a triple.

It was one of several mistakes Round Rock made and the miscues were fatal against the pesky and ever determined Knights.

Midway wins 4A

AUSTIN, TX—Greg Johnson pitched Midway (35-4) to a 3-1 win over Ryan (29-8) to capture the 4A title.

Johnson (13-1) allowed five hits, struck out seven and walked one and was named the Most Valuable Player.

After Ryan took a 1-0 second inning lead with an unearned run, Johnson took control.

Midway took advantage of losing pitcher Dusty Smirl's three walks and throwing error and Neil Christian's RBI single to take a 2-1 lead in the third.

Lorena captures 3A

AUSTIN, TX—Unbeaten Lorena (31-0) scored an eighth inning run to defeat Sinton (30-5) 3-2 *for the 3A crown.*

Jake Mitchell doubled home Adam Hornung, who hit a two-out triple, for the game-winning run.

Sinton's two runs in the first inning held up until Lorena pushed across two unearned runs in the fifth to tie the game.

RICK CARPENTER

2A to Weimar

AUSTIN, TX—Weimar (28-6) blanked Holliday (30-3) 9-0 for its fifth 2A championship in the last eight years.

Weimar stole 15 bases in its two Final Four wins to erase its own record of 12.

Most Valuable Player Luke Prihoda pitched a one-hitter to improve his record to 14-1.

A four-run second inning where Stuart Antosh doubled, Kyle Mueller tripled and Prihoda singled settled the issue early with Prihoda's shutout pitching.

Colmesneil wins

AUSTIN, TX—Chad Coggins' one-hit pitching and three-run double guided Colmesneil (26-4) to a 5-0 victory against D'Hanis (26-5) in the 1A final.

It was Colmesneil's fifth 1A championship.

Coggins (10-2) gave up a leadoff single to Nick Bernal in the third, but picked him off first. He retired the next 17 batters in order.

Coggins' three-run double in the eighth put the game out of reach.

Elkins tossed adversities aside to defend title

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ney and Wardell Starling, just a bunch of overachievers.

"There was no quitting in this group," Carpenter said. "We had all kinds of adversities throughout the season, but it didn't stop 'em."

The early season injuries to standouts Chad Huffman and Spencer Jackson, who missed six and three weeks, respectively, saw Elkins get off to a slow start.

"We had to do a lot of reshuffling," admitted Carpenter, "but I'll tell you Adam Perry and Kyle Langner really played well (replacing second baseman Huffman and outfielder Jackson)."

The steady play of third baseman Matt Carpenter, pitcher-first baseman Kelly Shearer and outfielder-shortstop Will Carpenter was a vital part all year as was the pitching of Michael Susanneck and Stephen Porlier.

And, once the Knights got healthy, they put together a steamroller second half of the season.

Shearer had a big year with a team-leading .436 average (eight home runs and 48 RBI) and a 12-3 record (0.84 ERA, 135 strikeouts in 91 1/3 innings). Susaneck was 10-1 and Porlier had an 8-1 record.

Jackson (.416, five home runs and 23 RBI) and Huffman (.400, three home runs and 17 RBI) were two more .400 hitters with Matt Carpenter (.380, seven home runs and 35 RBI) and Will Carpenter (.328, seven home runs and 36 RBI) huge contributors.

In the Texas playoffs, there is the option to play one game or a best-of-three. If the coaches don't agree on which format, it's decided by a coin flip. Elkins didn't fare well in the format (losing three coin flips), but it was just another obstacle to overcome.

Among the pre-Final Four playoff heroes were Matt Carpenter's three-run home run in the opening game, Will Carpenter's game-winning grand slam and Jackson's three-run homer.

In the Final Four, Shearer and Susaneck pitched brilliantly and Jackson, Huffman and Will Carpenter provided the timely hitting to finish Elkins' amazing season.

Rochester Century (MN) Defeats Cretin-Derham

ST. PAUL, MN—A three-run third inning produced a 3-2 Rochester Century (24-5) triumph over Cretin-Derham Hall (25-3) in the Minnesota 3A championship final.

It was Rochester Century's first ever state baseball championship. Cretin-Derham was gunning for an 11th state crown.

Rochester Century managed only four hits off losing pitcher Charlie Soukup, but the Panthers got three of them in the three-run third.

Tom Lyons opened the third with a double and scored on a fielder's choice when he beat the throw to the plate on Chris Collins' grounder. After Dan Lyons' infield single, Lee Anderson scored both runners with a double.

Cretin-Derham had taken a 1-0 lead in the second on Tyler Lueck's sacrifice fly. Nick Biagini had singled to start the inning and a pair of errors moved him around to third where he scored on Lueck's liner to left.

The Raiders, who out-hit Rochester Century 7-4, had several scoring opportunities, but left six runners stranded.

In the bottom of the third, Cretin-Derham got consecutive singles from Mark Boland, Mark Osborne and Luke Salscheider, but could score only one run. With the bases loaded, Dan Lyons got Chris Paulson to hit into a double play to end the inning.

Both pitchers went the distance with Dan Lyons picking up only his third win in five decisions, while Soukup (7-2) was the hard luck loser. He struck out four and didn't issue a walk.

Cathedral wins 2A

ST. CLOUD, MN—St. Cloud Cathedral (22-6) erupted for nine runs in the fourth inning and roll to a 12-2 victory against Breck

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"...It was like when you put a highlight film together," *he said.*

Shortstop Harold Mozingo, outfielder Delante McGainey, third baseman Will Clarke and Hickman each had three hits. Mozingo had a home run, double and single.

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